

REMARKS

New claims 137-173 should be examined on the merits with elected Group I, claims 1-40, 47-49, 53-61 and 133-136.

Support for new claims 137-163 can be found throughout the specification, for example, at page 8, last paragraph, page 9, paragraph 2, the paragraph bridging pages 12 and 13 and the first full paragraph on page 14.

Support for new claims 164-172 can be found throughout the specification, for example, in the paragraph bridging pages 11 and 12.

Support for new claims 173-175 can be found throughout the specification, for example, in the paragraph bridging pages 7 and 8, the paragraph bridging pages 11 and 12, the first full paragraph of page 12, the first full paragraph of page 14, the paragraph bridging pages 14 and 15, the first and second full paragraphs of page 15, the paragraph bridging pages 15 and 16, the first full paragraph of page 16, the last full paragraph of page 16, and the paragraph bridging pages 26 and 27.

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